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Amendments to the Claims

Amended Claims:

Claims 1 – 20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 6, and 15 are currently amended (i.e., corrected per Examiner's objections).

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) A foldable golf-bag transporting hand-cart/golf-bag assembly, comprising:

- a) a golf-bag;
- b) a foldable golf cart, and
- c) mounting means for securely, reversibly mounting said golf-bag on said golf cart, where said mounting means provides provide for said bag to maintain a stable vertical position in a rest position free from the need to use mounting straps or biasing mounting members.

2. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag assembly, as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:

- a) an upper and a lower end of said golf-bag;
- b) an upper and a lower end of a main frame of said golf cart;
- c) a first mounting member affixedly attached to said upper end of said golf-bag;
- d) a second mounting member affixedly attached to said upper end of said golf cart main frame;
- e) a third mounting member affixedly attached to said lower end of said golf-bag;
- f) a fourth mounting member affixedly attached to said lower end of said golf cart main frame;

wherein said first mounting member is affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said second mounting member, and

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wherein said second mounting member is affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said first mounting member;

wherein said third mounting member is affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said fourth mounting member, and

wherein said fourth mounting member is affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said third mounting member;

wherein said first mounting member is reversibly mounted onto said second mounting member;

wherein said third mounting member is reversibly mounted onto said fourth mounting member,

wherein the reversible mounting of the first and third mounting members onto the second and fourth members, respectively providing for secure, reversible mounting of said golf-bag on said golf cart free from the need to use straps, a biasing mounting member, or moveable mounting parts.

3. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 2, said golf cart further comprising:

a least one foldable handle rotably attached to said upper end of said main frame of said golf cart,

whereby said handle may be opened for use or may be folded.

4. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 2, said golf cart further comprising:

a foldable platform rotably attached to said lower end of said main frame of said golf cart,

whereby said platform may be opened to a horizontal position to support said golf-bag in a vertical position when the golf-cart is at rest, or

whereby said platform may be folded.

5. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:

a) said golf-bag having an upper outer surface region;

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b) a first mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner, said first mounting member fixedly attached to said upper region of said upper outer surface of said golf-bag;

and

c) a second mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner complementary to said first mounting member, said second mounting member fixedly attached to said upper end of said golf cart main frame;

wherein said first mounting member engages with second mounting member in sliding dovetail fashion, providing for secure, reversible mounting of said golf-bag on said golf cart providing for said golf bag to maintain a stable vertical position in a rest position free from the need for mounting straps or mounting biasing members.

6. (currently amended) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:

a) a base on [[a]] said golf-bag;

b) a shaped recess fashioned into said third mounting member, and

c) a shaped protrusion formed as an integral part of said fourth mounting member, said shaped protrusion of said fourth mounting member adapted to fit into said shaped recess of said third mounting member,

wherein said shaped recess of said third mounting member is reversibly mountable onto said shaped protrusion of said fourth mounting member, providing for secure, reversible mounting of said golf-bag on said golf cart enabling said golf bag to maintain a stable vertical position in a rest position free from the need for mounting straps or mounting biasing members.

7. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 2, wherein said golf cart further comprises:

a) a retractable telescoping wheel axle rotably attached to said lower end of said main frame, and

b) wheels attached to said wheel axle providing mobility to said cart,

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wherein said wheels with said axle may be telescoped outwardly to a fully open position providing stability to said bag/cart assembly in motion or in a vertical rest position, or

wherein said wheels and said axle may be retracted inwardly to a fully closed position providing for said bag/cart assembly to be wheeled through narrow passageways.

8. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 2, further comprising:

- a) a main body of said golf-bag, said main body having an outer surface;
- b) compartments on said outer surface of said main body of said golf-bag;

wherein said main frame of said golf-cart is shape-adapted to conform to said bag having said compartments;

wherein said compartments are easily accessible when the bag is positioned on the cart.

9. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 4, wherein said platform further comprises:

- a) an underside;
- b) a leg member mounted to said underside;

wherein said leg member is adapted to rest on the ground surface when said platform is in an open, horizontal position supporting said platform in a horizontal position ensuring the vertical at rest position of the golf-bag mounted on the golf cart.

10. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 3, further comprising:

at least one spreader brace having a first end and a second end;

wherein the first end of the spreader brace is rotably attached to the upper end of the main frame of the cart and the second end of the spreader brace is rotably attached to the foldable handle wherein the spreader brace may lock the foldable handle in an open position.

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11. (previously presented) A foldable golf-bag transporting hand-cart/golf-bag assembly, comprising:

- a) a golf-bag having a base region and an outer surface, said outer surface having upper and lower regions;
- b) a first mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner fixedly attached to said upper region of said outer surface of said golf-bag;
- c) a third mounting member fixedly attached to said base region of said golf-bag;
- d) a foldable golf cart having a main frame, said main frame having an upper and a lower end;
- e) a second mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner complementary to said first mounting member fixedly attached to said upper end of said golf cart main frame;
- f) a fourth mounting member fixedly attached to said lower end of said golf cart main frame;

wherein said first mounting member engages with second mounting member in sliding dovetail fashion, and

wherein said third mounting member adapted for fitting engagement engages with fourth mounting member adapted to engage with third mounting member;

wherein said the engagement of the first and second members and the third and fourth mounting members provides for secure, reversible mounting said golf-bag on said golf cart thus enabling said golf bag to maintain a stable vertical position in a rest position free from the need for mounting straps or mounting biasing members.

12. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 11, said golf cart further comprising:

a foldable handle rotably attached to said upper end of said main frame of said golf cart,

wherein said handle may be opened for use or may be folded.

13. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 11, said golf cart further comprising:

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a foldable platform rotably attached to said lower end of said main frame of said golf cart,

whereby said platform may be opened to a horizontal position to support said golf-bag in a vertical position when the golf-cart is at rest, or whereby said platform may be folded.

14. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising:

a) said third mounting member having a shaped recess, and

b) said fourth mounting member having a shaped protrusion adapted to fit into said shaped recess of said third mounting member,

whereby said third mounting member is reversibly mounted onto said fourth mounting member providing for secure, reversible mounting of said golf-bag on said golf cart thus enabling said golf bag to maintain a stable vertical position in a rest position free from the need for mounting straps or mounting biasing members.

15. (currently amended) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 11, wherein said golf cart further comprises:

a) a retractable telescoping wheel axle rotably attached to said lower end of said main frame, and

b) wheels attached to said wheel axle providing mobility to said cart,

wherein said axle with said wheels may be telescoped outwardly to a fully open position providing stability to said bag/cart assembly in motion or in a vertical rest position, or

wherein said axle and said wheels may be retracted inwardly to a fully closed position providing for said bag/cart assembly to be wheeled through narrow passageways.

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16. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 11, further comprising:

- a) compartments on said outer surface of said golf-bag, and
- b) said main frame of said golf cart shape-adapted to accept said bag having said compartments;

wherein said compartments are easily accessed when said bag having said compartments is mounted on said cart.

17. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 13, wherein said platform further comprises:

- a) an underside;
- b) a leg member mounted to said underside;

wherein said leg member is adapted to rest on the ground surface when said platform is in an open, horizontal position supports said platform in a horizontal position ensuring the vertical at rest position of the golf-bag mounted on the golf cart.

18. (previously presented) The foldable hand-cart/golf-bag as recited in Claim 12, further comprising:

- a) at least one spreader brace having a first end and a second end;

wherein the first end of the spreader brace is rotably attached to the upper end of the main frame of the cart and the second end of the spreader brace is rotably attached to the foldable handle;

wherein the spreader brace may lock the foldable handle in an open position.

19. (previously presented) A mounting assembly for retrofitting a golf-bag and a golf-bag transporting hand-cart to form a golf-bag/golf-bag transporting assembly, comprising:

- a) a first mounting member to be affixedly attached to an upper end of a golf-bag;
- b) a second mounting member to be affixedly attached to an upper end of a main frame of a golf cart;
- c) a third mounting member to be affixedly attached to a lower end of said golf-bag;

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d) a fourth mounting member to be affixedly attached to a lower end of said main frame of said golf cart;

wherein said first mounting member is to be affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said second mounting member, and

wherein said second mounting member is to be affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said first mounting member;

wherein third mounting member is to be affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said fourth mounting member, and

wherein fourth mounting member is to be affixedly attached and adapted to securely reversibly engage with said third mounting member;

wherein said first mounting member is reversibly mountable onto said second mounting member;

wherein said third mounting member is reversibly mountable onto said fourth mounting member,

wherein the reversible mounting of the first and third mounting members onto the second and fourth members, respectively provides for secure, reversible mounting of said golf-bag on said golf cart free from the need to use straps, a biasing mounting member, or moveable mounting parts.

20. (previously presented) The mounting assembly, as recited in Claim 19, further comprising:

a) said first mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner;

b) said second mounting member shaped in a sliding dovetail manner complementary to said first mounting means,

wherein said first mounting member engages with said second mounting member in sliding dovetail fashion, and

c) said third mounting member having a shaped recess, and

d) said fourth mounting member having a shaped protrusion adapted to fit into said shaped recess of said third mounting member,

wherein said third mounting member is reversibly mountable onto said fourth mounting member,

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wherein providing for the detachable attachment of the golf-bag to the transporting hand-cart free from the need to use mounting straps or a biasing mounting member.